

By Representative Morse

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to Miami-Dade Community
3 College, Dade County; providing for the
4 district board of trustees of the college to
5 levy up to 1 mill tax per year for 10 years;
6 providing for a referendum; providing for
7 assessment and collection; providing
8 legislative intent with respect to state
9 funding for Miami-Dade Community College;
10 providing an effective date.
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12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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14 Section 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to
15 authorize the District Board of Trustees of Miami-Dade
16 Community College, a community college district consisting of
17 Dade County and a special district for the purposes of Article
18 VII, Section 9 of the State Constitution, to levy a special ad
19 valorem tax upon approval by vote of the qualified electors of
20 Dade County for the purpose of raising revenue to be used for
21 the enhancement of academic excellence programs, completion of
22 technology infrastructure, renovation and upgrade of
23 facilities, deferred maintenance, programs serving students
24 with disabilities, and the enhancement of services and
25 programs at all its sites in Dade County. Such funds may not
26 be used for new construction or employee salaries, and the ad
27 valorem taxes collected must be set aside and invested as
28 permitted by law, with the principal and income to be used for
29 the purposes listed in this section as the district board of
30 trustees directs.
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1 Section 2. The District Board of Trustees of
2 Miami-Dade Community College, a district subject to Part III
3 of chapter 240, Florida Statutes, may levy an ad valorem tax
4 on the taxable property in Dade County of up to 1 mill for 10
5 years. Property taxes determined and levied under this section
6 shall be certified by the District Board of Trustees of
7 Miami-Dade Community College to the county property appraiser
8 and extended, assessed, and collected in the same manner as
9 the other ad valorem taxes in the county. The levy may be made
10 for 10 years only, pursuant to resolution of the district
11 board of trustees duly entered upon its minutes.

12 Section 3. The annual apportionment of state funds for
13 the support of Miami-Dade Community College under sections
14 240.345, 240.347, and 240.359, Florida Statutes, or any other
15 provision of general law, may not be reduced because the
16 college has received funds pursuant to an ad valorem levy
17 under section 2.

18 Section 4. The provisions of this act shall be
19 liberally construed to effect its purposes.

20 Section 5. This act, except for this section, which
21 shall take effect upon becoming a law, shall take effect only
22 upon approval by a vote of the electors of Dade County voting
23 in a referendum election that is called and held by the
24 District Board of Trustees of Miami-Dade Community College. If
25 the District Board of Trustees of Miami-Dade Community College
26 chooses to call a special election, the expense of the
27 election may not be paid with student fees or moneys the
28 college receives from distribution of state tax revenues, but
29 the expense may be paid with funds received from private
30 sources or with college auxiliary funds. There shall be at
31 least 30 days' notice of the election as provided by section

1 100.342, Florida Statutes. The board's authority to call a
2 referendum election expires November 4, 1999. The board may
3 cancel the referendum election after it has been called, but
4 any expense resulting from the cancellation must be borne by
5 the board.
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